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1. Opening of the session

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will hold its eighth session from 23 October to 1 November 2002, at the Vigyan Bhawan Conference Center, New Delhi, India. The session will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 October 2002.

2. Pursuant to rule 26 of the draft rules of procedure being applied,[1] the session will be opened by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session (COP 7), His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Elyazghi, Minister of Territorial Planning, Urban Management, Housing and Environment of Morocco.

(a) Statement by the President of the Conference at its seventh session

(b) Election of the President of the Conference at its eighth session

3. Rule 22 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, specifies that the office of the President of the Conference is subject to rotation among the five regional groups. The President of COP 7 will call for the election of His Excellency Mr. T. R. Baalu, Minister of Environment and Forests (India), as the President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session (COP 8).

(c) Statement by the President

(d) Addresses of welcome

(e) Statement by the Executive Secretary

2. Organizational matters

(a) Status of ratification of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

4. **Background:** The Conference will have before it a status report on the ratification of the Convention, including the declarations made under Article 4, paragraph 2 (g). This report will confirm which States are Parties to the Convention and are therefore eligible to participate in decision-making. The number of Parties will total 186 during COP 8, including 185 States and one regional economic integration organization. The COP will also have before it in the same document a status report on the signature and ratification of the Kyoto Protocol. As at 12 August 2002, 78 Parties have deposited instruments of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. This includes 22 Annex I Parties accounting for approximately 36 per cent of the Annex I emissions for 1990.

5. On 31 May 2002, the European Community and its Member States notified the secretariat of their decision to fulfil their commitments under the Kyoto Protocol jointly in accordance with Article 4 of the Protocol. In accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol, the secretariat has prepared a document to notify Parties and signatories to the Convention of the terms of the agreement by the European Community and its Member States.

6. **Action:** The COP will be invited to take note of the information contained in these documents and invite Parties, intending to do so, to expedite their ratification or accession to the Kyoto Protocol. The COP may also wish to invite Parties to provide to the secretariat any information regarding the expected timing of their ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.

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[1] See document FCCC/CP/1996/2

FCCC/CP/2002/INF 1	*Status of ratification of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol*
FCCC/CP/2002/2	*Agreement between the European Community and its Member States under Article 4 of the Kyoto Protocol*

(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure

7. **Background:** Article 7, paragraph 2 (k), of the Convention specifies that the COP shall "agree upon and adopt, by consensus, rules of procedure ... for itself and for any subsidiary bodies." After being unable to adopt its rules of procedure at previous sessions, the COP decided to apply the draft rules with the exception of draft rule 42 on voting.[2] It has also requested its successive Presidents to conduct consultations on the matter. The President of COP 7 informed the Conference that he intended to undertake further consultations with a view to achieving resolution on this matter.

8. **Action:** At the beginning of the session, the President of COP 7 will present an oral report on his consultations. In the absence of consensus, the COP may wish to decide to continue applying the draft rules of procedure contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2. The COP may also wish to invite the President of COP 8 to undertake consultations to try to achieve adoption of the rules.

FCCC/CP/1996/2	*Organizational matters. Adoption of the rules of procedure*

(c) Adoption of the agenda

9 **Background:** Rule 9 of the draft rules of procedure specifies that "in agreement with the President, the secretariat shall draft the provisional agenda of each session" of the COP. In this context, the Executive Secretary, in agreement with the President of COP 7, has drafted the provisional agenda for COP 8, taking into account views expressed by Parties during the sixteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and by members of the Bureau, as well as requests received from Parties.

10. **Action:** The COP will be invited to consider and adopt the agenda for COP 8.

FCCC/CP/2002/1	*Provisional agenda Note by the Executive Secretary*
FCCC/CP/2002/1/Add.1 and 2	*Provisional agenda. Note by the Executive Secretary. Addendum. Annotations to the provisional agenda*

(d) Election of officers other than the President

11. **Background**: Rule 22 of the draft rules of procedure provides that "at the commencement of the first meeting of each ordinary session, a President, seven Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies established by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention, and a Rapporteur shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. They will serve as the Bureau of the session. Each of the five regional groups shall be represented by two Bureau members and one Bureau member shall represent the small island developing States. The offices of President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the five regional groups." This rule further states that "no officer may serve on the Bureau for more than two consecutive terms of one year."

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[2] See documents FCCC/CP/1995/7, paragraph 10; FCCC/CP/1995/15, paragraph 15; FCCC/CP/1997/7, paragraph 21; FCCC/CP/1998/16, paragraph 11; FCCC/CP/1999/6, paragraph 14; FCCC/CP/2000/5/Add.1, paragraph 30; and FCCC/CP/2001/13, paragraph 22 The draft rules have been similarly applied, mutatis mutandis, to the subsidiary bodies

12. The President of COP 8 will be elected at the first plenary meeting, on Wednesday, 23 October. At the sixteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 16), the President of COP 7 began consultations with regional group coordinators on the Bureau of COP 8, with the aim of advising the future President of COP 8 on the election of the other members of the Bureau. There will be a report on the outcome of these consultations. If necessary, further consultations will be held during the session. Parties may also recall decision 36/CP.7 on improving the participation of women in bodies established under the Convention and the Protocol.

13 Draft rule 27, paragraph 6, provides that "each subsidiary body shall elect its own Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur." However, if there is agreement on the nominations for these officers of the subsidiary bodies, they may also be elected by the Conference in plenary session.

14. **Action:** The COP will be invited to elect the members of the Bureau of COP 8 other than the President at the earliest opportunity, following completion of consultations. The Conference may wish to consider electing the Vice-Chairs and Rapporteurs of the subsidiary bodies.

(e) Admission of organizations as observers

15. **Background:** Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention states, inter alia, that "any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object." Following established procedure, the secretariat will invite those intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations accorded observer status at previous sessions of the Conference to attend COP 8. The procedure for admission to the Conference will apply only to new applicants for observer status. The Conference will have before it a document containing the list of organizations considered by the Bureau for admission as observers.

16. **Action:** The COP will be invited to consider and approve this list of organizations seeking admission as observers.

FCCC/CP/2002/5	*Organizational matters Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations*

(f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies

17. **Background:** COP 8 will meet in conjunction with the seventeenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (see paragraph 20 below).

18. At its first plenary meeting, on the morning of Wednesday, 23 October, the Conference will take up item one of the provisional agenda, "Opening of the session." The meeting will begin with a statement by the President of COP 7 to be followed by the election of the President of COP 8. Thereafter, there will be statements by the President, representatives of the host country and the Executive Secretary.

19. The Conference is then expected to deal with a number of procedural and substantive matters, including the adoption of the agenda and the organization of work of the session. A tentative approach to the scheduling of meetings is contained in annex I below, and the list of documents in annex II below.

20. The subsidiary bodies will be convened after the opening meeting of the Conference. They will attempt to finalize as many issues as possible, including matters referred by the COP for recommendation, and develop draft decisions and conclusions for submission to the Conference before

their sessions end on Tuesday, 29 October. No joint meetings of the subsidiary bodies are planned. The provisional agendas for the seventeenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies are contained in documents FCCC/SBI/2002/7 and FCCC/CP/SBSTA/2002/7.

21. The SBI, at its sixteenth session, endorsed the dates of Wednesday, 30 October to Friday, 1 November 2002, for the high-level segment of ministers and senior officials (see paragraphs 88–89 below for additional information).

22. The scheduling of meetings during the session is based on the availability of conference-servicing facilities during normal working hours. Given the heavy workload of the session, provision has been made for holding two simultaneous meetings, with full interpretation facilities, in the mornings and afternoons of the entire period, including Saturday, 26 October. It is also anticipated that either formal or informal meetings will be held every evening.

23. **Action:** The Conference will be invited to agree upon the organization of work of the session, including the proposed schedule of meetings, and to encourage the President of the Conference to conclude all negotiations by the close of business on Thursday, 31 October.

FCCC/CP/2002/1	*Provisional agenda. Note by the Executive Secretary*
FCCC/CP/2002/1/Add.1 and 2	*Provisional agenda. Note by the Executive Secretary. Addendum. Annotations to the provisional agenda.*
FCCC/SBI/2002/7	*Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary*
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/7	*Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary*

(g) Date and venue of the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties

24. **Background:** Rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure specifies that "the sessions of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the secretariat in consultation with the Parties." Rule 4, paragraph 2, also states that "at each ordinary session, the Conference of the Parties shall decide on the date and duration of the next ordinary session." A decision on the date and venue of COP 9 is therefore required at COP 8. The Conference has already agreed on the dates for the second sessional period in 2003, from 1 to 12 December 2003, which will be the dates for COP 9.[3]

25. At the time of writing, no offer has been received by the secretariat from a Party wishing to host COP 9. Parties wishing to host COP 9 are invited to submit their offers as soon as possible.

26. **Action:** The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of a decision on the date and venue of COP 9 for adoption by the Conference.

(h) Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, 2003–2007

27. **Background:** At COP 7, the Conference adopted the calendar for meetings of Convention bodies for 2003–2007.[4]

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[3] See FCCC/CP/2001/13/Add 4, section V
[4] See FCCC/CP/2001/13/Add 4, section V

28. **Action:** The COP will be invited to consider if any changes should be made to the calendar of meetings.

(i) Adoption of the report on credentials

29. **Background:** Rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure specifies that "the credentials of representatives of Parties as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization." In accordance with draft rule 20, the Bureau will be required to examine and report to the Conference on these credentials.

30. **Action:** Based on the report of the Bureau, the COP will be invited to approve the credentials of the representatives of Parties attending the session. Representatives will be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending this decision.

FCCC/CP/2002/6	*Adoption of the report on credentials*

3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies and decisions and conclusions arising therefrom

(a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

(b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

31. **Background:** Article 7, paragraph 2 (j), of the Convention requires the Conference to review reports submitted by its subsidiary bodies and provide guidance to them. The COP will have before it the reports of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on their sixteenth sessions, held in June 2002, and seventeenth sessions, to be held in October 2002.

32. **Action**: The COP will be invited to take note of these reports and to consider any draft decisions recommended for adoption.

FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6	*Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its sixteenth session, held at Bonn from 5 to 14 June 2002*
FCCC/SBI/2002/6	*Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its sixteenth session, held at Bonn from 10 to 14 June 2002*

4. Review of implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention

(a) Financial mechanism

(i) Report of the Global Environment Facility

33. **Background**: The Memorandum of Understanding between the COP and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), annexed to decision 12/CP.2, provides, inter alia, that the GEF will make available to the COP annual reports which should include specific information on how the GEF has applied the guidance and decisions of the COP in its work relating to the Convention.

34. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft conclusions or decisions on the report of the GEF to the COP for adoption.

FCCC/CP/2002/4	*Report to the Global Environment Facility to the Conference*

(ii) Funding under the Convention

35. **Background**: The COP, by its decision 7/CP.7, established the special climate change fund and the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDC Fund). The decision stated that these funds shall be operated by an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism, under the guidance of the COP, and invited that entity to make the necessary arrangements for the purpose of establishing these funds and to report thereon to the COP at its eighth session. In decision 27/CP.7, the COP provided initial guidance to the entity in relation to the operation of the LDC Fund. However, the COP is yet to provide guidance in relation to the operation of the special climate change fund.

36. It should be noted that additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism concerning these funds is a common issue under items 4 (a) (iv) and 4 (e) of the provisional agenda, and a consolidated approach for addressing these agenda items is recommended.

37. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration, together with items 4 (a) (iv) and 4 (e) of the provisional agenda, and its recommendation of any draft decisions or conclusions to the COP for adoption.

(iii) Review of the financial mechanism

38. **Background**: Information on the issues concerning this item can be found in the provisional agenda and annotations of SBI 17 (see FCCC/SBI/2002/7).

39. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft decision on the second review of the financial mechanism to the COP for adoption.

(iv) Additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism

40. **Background:** Information on the issues concerning this item can be found in the provisional agenda and annotations of SBI 17 (see FCCC/SBI/2002/7), as well as paragraphs 35–36 above.

41. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration, together with items 4 (a) (ii) and 4 (e) of the provisional agenda, and its recommendation of any draft decisions or conclusions to the COP for adoption.

(b) National communications

(i) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

42. **Background**: The COP, by its decision 33/CP.7, requested the secretariat to apply procedures for the review of national communications, including in-depth reviews, as defined in decisions 2/CP.1 and 6/CP.3, to the third national communications, submitted by Parties included Annex I to the Convention in accordance with decision 11/CP.4. The secretariat has initiated the process of in-depth reviews, the progress report on which can be found in document FCCC/SBI/2002/INF.7.

43. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft decision or conclusion to the COP for adoption.

(ii) Greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

44. **Background**: The COP, by its decision 3/CP.5, decided that the revision of the guidelines for reporting of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention shall be considered at its seventh session. By its decision 34/CP.7, the COP decided to defer the consideration of this matter for its eighth session. The COP, by its decision 6/CP.5, decided that the revision of the guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention shall be considered at its eighth session. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, elaborated the draft reporting and review guidelines for greenhouse gas inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and forwarded two draft decisions to COP 8 for adoption.

45. **Action**: The COP will be invited to adopt the draft decisions forwarded by SBSTA 16 (see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 19 (a)). The COP will also be invited to consider any draft decisions to be forwarded by SBSTA 17 relating to training of members of the expert review teams and the treatment of confidential information by those teams under the Convention.

(iii) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

46. **Background**: Information on the issues concerning this item can be found in the provisional agenda and annotations of SBI 17 (see FCCC/SBI/2002/7).

47. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft decisions to the COP for adoption.

(c) Capacity-building

48. **Background**: Information on the issues concerning this item can be found in the provisional agenda and annotations of SBI 17 (see FCCC/SBI/2002/7).

49. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft decision or conclusion on implementation of the capacity-building frameworks to the COP for adoption.

(d) Development and transfer of technologies

50. **Background**: Pursuant to decisions 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2 and 9/CP.3, the COP decided to review, at each session, the implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 1 (c) and 5, of the Convention.

51. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBSTA for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft decision or conclusion to the COP for adoption.

(e) Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention

52. **Background**: Information on the issues concerning this item can be found in the provisional agenda and annotations of SBI 17 (see FCCC/SBI/2002/7), as well as paragraphs 35–36 above.

53. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration, together with items 4 (a) (ii) and 4 (a) (iv) of the provisional agenda, and its recommendation of any draft decisions or conclusions to the COP for adoption.

(f) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase

54. **Background**: The COP, by its decision 5/CP.1, established the pilot phase of activities implemented jointly (AIJ) and requested Parties to report on it to the COP through the secretariat.

Subsequently, by its decision 10/CP.3, the COP adopted the uniform reporting format (URF) and invited Parties to submit their reports in accordance with that format. Parties were requested by the COP to provide inputs to the secretariat on their experience in using the URF (see, inter alia, decision 8/CP.7).

55. The COP, by its decision 13/CP.5, requested the secretariat to prepare a further draft revision of the URF and a set of guidelines for its use, and by decision 8/CP.7 requested the secretariat to organize a workshop on this draft. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, recommended a draft decision on the revised URF to COP 8 for adoption.

56. **Action**: The COP will be invited to adopt the draft decision forwarded by SBSTA 16 (see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 27 (b)). The COP will also be invited to consider any draft decisions forwarded by SBSTA 17 relating to the sixth annual synthesis report on AIJ under the pilot phase.

5. Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

57 **Background:** The COP, at its seventh session, adopted the Marrakesh Ministerial Declaration (decision 1/CP.7) as its input to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). It requested the President of the COP and the Executive Secretary to participate actively in the preparatory process for the Summit and in the Summit itself, and to provide a report to the COP at its eighth session.

58. The Marrakesh Ministerial Declaration was presented by the Executive Secretary to the second session of the preparatory committee for the WSSD held in New York from 28 January to 8 February 2002 The President of the COP made a statement on the Declaration at the fourth session of the preparatory committee, held in Bali from 28 May to 7 June 2002.

59. **Action:** The Executive Secretary will make an oral report on the outcome of the WSSD. The COP will be invited to take note of the report, and consider any appropriate follow-up.

6. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention

60. **Background**: Article 4, paragraph 2 (d), provides that a second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), shall take place not later than 31 December 1998. At COP 4, it "proved impossible to reach any agreed conclusions or decisions" on this matter.[5] In accordance with rule 16[6] of the draft rules and procedures the item was ther placed on the provisional agenda of COP 5. During consideration of the provisional agenda of COP 5, the Group of 77 and China proposed amending the item to read as follows: "Review of the adequacy of implementation of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention." There was no agreement on that proposal and the President of COP 5 expressed his intention to undertake consultations with a view to reaching a consensus. The Conference accordingly adopted the agenda of the session, with the exception of the item in question, which was held in abeyance.

61. Following the inability of the Parties at COP 5 to reach conclusion on this matter, and following rule 16 and rule 10 (c) of the draft rules of procedure, an item "Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention" was included in the provisional agenda for the sixth session. Attached to this item was a footnote reflecting the amendment proposed by the Group of 77 and China at COP 5.

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[5] FCCC/CP/1998/16, paragraph 64

[6] This rule states that "any item of the agenda of an ordinary session, consideration of which has not been completed at the session, shall be included automatically in the agenda of the next ordinary session, unless otherwise decided by the Conference of the Parties "

62. At COP 6 (part one), the Conference decided to hold this item in abeyance and include it in the provisional agenda for COP 7, with the accompanying footnote. At COP 7, the Conference also decided to hold this item in abeyance and include it in the provisional agenda for its eighth session. The President of COP 7 will report to the Conference on his consideration of possible ways of achieving consensus on the issues covered under this agenda item.

63. **Action:** The COP may wish to address this matter in the light of the above-mentioned report. The President may wish to conduct informal consultations with a view to concluding this item.

7. Request from a group of countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus, Albania and the Republic of Moldova regarding their status under the Convention

64. **Background:** The COP, at its seventh session, considered a letter to the Executive Secretary from the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus and the Republic of Moldova seeking clarification on their status under the Convention. By its decision 35/CP.7, the COP invited the SBI to give further consideration to the above-mentioned request and to make recommendations thereon to the COP. The SBI, at its sixteenth session, considered this matter and requested its chair to continue his consultations during the intersessional period and report back to its seventeenth session.

65. **Action:** The COP may wish to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft decision or conclusion to the COP for adoption.

FCCC/CP/2001/12	*Other matters. Letter from the Central Asia, Caucasus and Moldova countries on their status under the Convention*

8. Preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

(a) Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

66. **Background:** In accordance with Article 13, paragraph 6, of the Protocol, the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 1) shall be convened by the secretariat in conjunction with the first session of the COP that is scheduled after the date of entry into force of the Protocol. The SBI, at its sixteenth session, took note of the information on arrangements for intergovernmental meetings (see FCCC/SBI/2002/4) and views expressed by Parties, and agreed to consider this issue further at its seventeenth session (see FCCC/SBI/2002/12).

67. **Action:** The COP may wish to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft decision or conclusion to the COP for adoption.

(b) Implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

68. **Background**: The secretariat has received a request from Saudi Arabia to include an item on the provisional agenda of COP 8 entitled "Implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol."[7]

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[7] A related item entitled "Issues related to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol" is included on the provisional agenda for the SBSTA, at its seventeenth session.

69. **Action**: The COP is invited to consider this request from Saudi Arabia and determine any appropriate action.

(c) Proposal by Canada for a decision on modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol in relation to cleaner energy exports

70. **Background**: In a letter to the Executive Secretary, dated 14 June 2002, Canada requested the inclusion of this item on the provisional agenda for COP 8 pursuant to rule 10 (d) of the draft rules of procedure. In the letter, Canada suggested including this item as a sub-item under "Preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol," and requested that the draft decision concerning this issue and submitted by Canada be circulated during COP 8.[8]

71. **Action**: The COP is invited to consider the request from Canada and determine any appropriate action.

(d) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies

72. **Background**: Any other matters concerning the Kyoto Protocol referred by the subsidiary bodies for the attention of the COP will be taken up under this item, including matters concerning guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8; technical standards under Article 7, paragraph 4; and "good practices" in policies and measures.

73. The COP, by its decisions 22/CP.7 and 23/CP.7, invited the SBSTA to complete the guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, as well as different aspects of their implementation with a view to recommending to COP 8 any draft decisions on these matters for adoption by COP/MOP 1. The COP also invited the SBSTA to consider how information on demonstrable progress under Article 3, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol will be presented and evaluated. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, forwarded a draft decision on demonstrable progress to COP 8 for adoption.

74. By its decision 19/CP.7, the COP requested the SBSTA to develop technical standards for the purpose of ensuring the accurate, transparent and efficient exchange of data between national registries, the clean development mechanism registry and the transaction log, with a view to recommending to COP 8 a draft decision on this matter, for adoption by COP/MOP 1, to facilitate the early development and establishment of national registries, as well as of the CDM registry and the transaction log.

75. The COP, by its decision 13/CP.7, requested the SBSTA to consider at its seventeenth session the initial results of the actions taken on "good practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, pursuant to this decision, to report them to COP 8 with a view to considering further action.

76. **Action**: The COP will be invited to adopt the draft decision on demonstrable progress forwarded by SBSTA 16 (see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 24 (a)). The COP will also be invited to adopt any other draft decisions or conclusions to be forwarded by SBSTA 17, including on the pending parts of the guidelines under Articles 7 and 8, and aspects related to their implementation; technical standards for national registries, the CDM registry and the transaction log; and "good practices" in policies and measures.

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[8] This draft decision is contained in FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.3/Add 1 A related item entitled "Issues related to cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy" is included on the provisional agenda for the SBSTA, at its seventeenth session

9. Report of the executive board of the clean development mechanism

77. **Background**: The COP, at its seventh session, decided to facilitate a prompt start for a clean development mechanism (CDM) by adopting decision 17/CP.7, and the annex thereto containing modalities and procedures for a CDM, and elected the members and alternate members of the executive board of the CDM. In accordance with this decision, the executive board shall, before entry into force of the Protocol, report on its activities to the COP and the COP shall review the annual reports of the executive board.[9]

78. The report by the executive board is contained in document FCCC/CP/2002/3 and Add.1–4. It provides information on progress made regarding the CDM, in particular on the implementation of the tasks in its work plan until COP 8; on the financing of administrative expenses for operating the CDM, in particular for facilitating its prompt start, for which Parties had been invited to make contributions to the UNFCCC Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities in accordance with decisions 17/CP.7 and 38/CP.7; and on modalities for observance of meetings of the executive board and the facilitation of communication between the board and the public. The report also contains the decisions taken by the board.

79. The report covers the period from 11 November 2001 until 3 August 2002. The work of the board and matters relevant to its work occurring after 3 August 2002 will be reported to COP 8 by the chair of the executive board, orally and/or through an addendum to the report.

80. Parties may wish to recall that the SBSTA is developing definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM in the first commitment period.[10]

81. **Action:** The COP will be invited to review the report of the executive board of the CDM[11] and provide guidance to the executive board by taking decisions on the recommendations made by the executive board, including on its rules of procedure and on the designation of operational entities accredited by the executive board. The COP may also wish to reiterate the invitation to Parties to make contributions to the UNFCCC Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities to support activities relating to the prompt start of the CDM for the biennium 2002–2003. The COP may wish to invite the President to undertake consultations on the report.

FCCC/CP/2002/3 and Add.1–4	*Report of the executive board of the clean development mechanism*

10. Administrative and financial matters

(a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2000–2001

82. **Background**: The financial procedures of the Convention (see decision 15/CP.1) require that a final audited statement of accounts for the full financial period shall be provided to the COP as soon as possible after the accounts for the financial period are closed. The audited financial statements for the biennium 2000–2001, as well as the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors on the financial statements are contained in document FCCC/SBI/2002/10.

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[9] In accordance with decision 17/CP 7, paragraphs. 2, 4 and 19, and paragraphs 2 to 5 of the annex to this decision

[10] See decision 17/CP 7, paragraph 10 (b).

[11] In accordance with paragraph 4 of the annex to decision 17/CP 7

83. **Action**: The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and its recommendation of any draft decision to the COP for adoption.

(b) Income and budget performance in the biennium 2002–2003

84. **Background**: Information on income and expenditure, as well as programme delivery during the first half of 2002, are contained in document FCCC/SBI/2002/11. This document also includes an update on personnel matters and administrative arrangements. Information on the latest status of contributions by Parties to the core budget, the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities of the UNFCCC are in document FCCC/SBI/2002/INF.13.

85. **Action:** The COP will be invited to take note of the reports and to adopt any relevant draft decision on this matter referred by the SBI.

(c) Procedure for the appointment of an Executive Secretary

86. **Background**: The Bureau of COP 7, at its meeting held on 17 January 2002, requested that this matter be placed on the provisional agenda of a future COP.

87. **Action**: The COP will be invited to consider this matter, taking into account decision 14/CP.1, and determine any appropriate action.

11. High-level segment attended by ministers and senior officials

88. **Background:** The SBI, at its sixteenth session, endorsed the dates of 30 October to 1 November 2002 for the high-level segment of COP 8. The SBI also recommended that ministerial round table discussions, open to all heads of delegations, be the vehicle for ministers to exchange views at COP 8. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 7, in collaboration with the secretariat and the Government of India, to give further consideration to the details and format, including themes for the round-table discussions, of the high-level segment of COP 8

89. Further information on the ministerial round table, including the format and possible themes, will be made available after the next meeting of the Bureau, and will be included in an addendum to this document.

12. Other matters

90. Any other matters for the attention of the COP will be taken up under this item.

13. Conclusion of the session

(a) Adoption of the report of the Conference on its eighth session

91. **Background**: A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the COP at the end of the session.

92. **Action**: In accordance with established practice, the COP will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session, under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

(b) Closure of the session

93. The President will declare the session closed.

Annex I

OVERVIEW OF THE SESSIONAL PERIOD

Monday 21 October	Tuesday 22 October	Wednesday 23 October	Thursday 24 October	Friday 25 October	Saturday 26 October
		Opening plenary of eighth session of the Conference of the Parties Opening of the seventeenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies	Seventeenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies	*COP 8 Plenary meeting*	
Monday **28 October**	**Tuesday** **29 October**	**Wednesday** **30 October**	**Thursday** **31 October**	**Friday** **1 November**	**Saturday** **2 November**
Seventeenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies		Opening of high-level segment	High-level segment continues	COP 8 concludes: Adoption of decisions and conclusions	

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Documents prepared for the Conference of the Parties

FCCC/CP/2002/1	Provisional agenda. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/CP/2002/1/Add.1 and 2	Provisional agenda. Note by the Executive Secretary. Addendum. Annotations to the provisional agenda
FCCC/CP/2002/2	Agreement between the European Community and its Member States under Article 4 of the Kyoto Protocol
FCCC/CP/2002/3 and Add.1–4	Report of the executive board of the clean development mechanism
FCCC/CP/2002/4	Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference
FCCC/CP/2002/5	Organizational matters. Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations
FCCC/CP/2002/6	Adoption of the report on credentials
FCCC/CP/2001/13	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventh session, held at Marrakesh from 29 October to 10 November 2001. Part One: Proceedings
FCCC/CP/2001/13/Add.1 and Corr.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Corr.1 and Add.4 and Corr.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventh session, held at Marrakesh from 29 October to 10 November 2001. Addendum. Part Two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties
FCCC/SBI/2002/7	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/7	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary

Other documents for the Conference of the Parties

FCCC/CP/1996/2	Organizational matters. Adoption of the rules of procedure
FCCC/CP/2001/12	Other matters. Letter from the Central Asia, Caucasus and Moldova countries on their status under the Convention
FCCC/SBI/2002/6	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its sixteenth session, held at Bonn from 10 to 14 June 2002

FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its sixteenth session, held at Bonn from 5 to 14 June 2002
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.2/Add.1	Methodological issues. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase: uniform reporting format
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.5 and Add.1 and 2	Methodological issues. Guidelines on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Implementing decisions 3/and 6/CP.5). Addendum
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.6/Add.1	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Addendum
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.3/Add.1	Proposal on cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy. Submissions from Parties. Note by the secretariat. Addendum. Submissions from a Party

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